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FOR AMBASSADORS FROM BEN H. READ

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SUBJECT:JANUARY 1979 SOUTH ASIA CHIEFS OF MISSION CONFERENCE

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1. WARREN CHRISTOPHER AND NEA WILL BE ADDRESSING OTHER
ELEMENTS OF REFTEL, BUT I WOULD LIKE TO RESPOND TO YOUR
REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR THE TRAVEL OF WIVES. IT
SHOULD BE NOTED AT THE OUTSET THAT I CAN CERTAINLY AGREE
WITH YOUR CONTENTION THAT COM SPOUSES, AND ALL SPOUSES FOR
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THAT MATTER, MAKE A MAJOR CONTRIBUTION TO U. S. ENDEAVORS
OVERSEAS. HOWEVER, IN AUTHORIZING TRAVEL WE ARE GOVERNED
BY THE BASIC AUTHORITY CONTAINED IN TITLE IX OF THE
FOREIGN SERVICE ACT. AMONG THE PROVISIONS OF THAT TITLE
ONLY ONE, REGARDING REPRESENTATIONAL TRAVEL, INDICATES
POSSIBLE AUTHORITY. HOWEVER, REPRESENTATIONAL IN THIS
CONTEXT HAS ALWAYS BEEN INTERPRETED IN THE SAME MANNER AS

REPRESENTATIONAL ENTERTAINMENT. THUS REPRESENTATIONAL TRAVEL FOR A SPOUSE TO ACCOMPANY FOREIGN DIGNATARIES ON A VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES WOULD BE AUTHORIZED, BUT TRAVEL TO ALL U. S. COM CONFERENCES WOULD NOT BE.

2. I REGRET THAT I CANNOT BE MORE FORTHCOMING. HOWEVER, IN THE ABSENCE OF LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY FOR THIS PURPOSE AND GIVEN THE LEGISLATIVE HISTORY, THERE CAN BE NO OTHER CHOICE BUT TO DISAPPROVE YOUR REQUEST.

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